



ACS Columbus Section Executive Committee Meeting - Minutes

November 18, 2020

Attending:

Christopher Hadad	Chair
Clay Harris	Chair-elect
Bob Kroshefsky	Treasurer-elect
Barbara Ambrose	Secretary
Joan Esson	Councilor
Krishna Bobba	Alternate Councilor

Absent:

Ed King	Councilor
Virginia Songstad	Councilor
Don Songstad	Alternate Councilor
Robert Woodman	Alternate Councilor
Emil Stoyanov	Treasurer

Guests:

Damilola Daramola	Candidate for Treasurer-elect
Jim Wasil	CERM Committee Co-Chair
Jeff Trent	CERM Committee Co-Chair
Kaarina Lokko	Outreach Committee

Meeting started at 5:30 p.m.

- 1.) Due to lack of a quorum at the last meeting, the minutes from the October 5th meeting were not approved. Motion to approve the minutes from the October 5th and October 22nd meetings made by Joan, seconded by Clay, approved unanimously.
- 2.) Section mailbox – The only routine mail received at the section mailbox is the quarterly statements from the Vanguard account. The statements from the Columbus Foundation and the 5/3 Bank accounts are mailed to Bob Kroshefsky's home address. The Vanguard account could be converted to online statements. CERM2020 has a separate mailbox, which will not be renewed when it expires. The local section mailbox is paid up until January and David Speth pays to renew it at that time. Motion to discontinue the section mailbox made by Joan, seconded by Krishna, passed unanimously.
- 3.) Section website – A section website could cover many of the functions of the mailbox. It could provide information on meeting plans, act as a contact point for ACS National, and provide a place to hold section documentation. Clay, as incoming chair-elect, would like to have an operational

website. The section paid to have a website constructed. The website is ready to populate but it needs a webmaster to run it. Christopher suggested finding a graduate student willing to run it for us for a small fee. Bob pointed out that \$500 is already in the section budget for website maintenance. Action – Christopher will try to find a student willing to act as the section webmaster for \$500/year.

- 4.) Junior and Senior Undergraduate Awards – Bob had no luck contacting the students he had previously been unable to contact. Christopher and Joan felt that at this point, any additional effort would be futile. Therefore, Christopher recommended that we say enough is enough and move on.
- 5.) Treasurer's report – the section's 5/3 Bank checking account balance is \$2,400 higher than it "should" be due to not having dispersed all the 2020 outstanding Student Awards (\$1,900) and one State Science Day winner not having cashed his check for \$500. This check was reissued October 5th, but that check has not been cashed either.
At the end of the 3rd quarter, the Columbus local section's investments had recovered all of the 1st quarter's pandemic panic losses and were slightly ahead for the year at that point.
- 6.) Election of 2021 Columbus section's officers. The section has 3 candidates for the councilor position – Krishna Bobba, whose term as alternative councilor runs out at the end of this year, and Matt Toussant, recently retired from CAS, and Kayla Kasper. Damilola Daramola volunteered to run for treasurer-elect. Barbara Ambrose agreed to run again for secretary. Thus, only the chair-elect position remains unfilled. Joan suggested that Jeff Trent could run. Mike Clingerman was also mentioned as a potential chair-elect. Barbara offered to contact the councilor candidates and see if one of them would be willing to run. The only councilor candidate at the meeting, Krishna, was not interested in the chair-elect position. Damilola volunteered to run for chair-elect, if no-one else could be found, but that would leave a gap at treasurer-elect.
- 7.) Diversity and Inclusion - Devin Swiner, the president of the OSU chapter of NOBCChE, has offered to meet with Columbus local section members on the 4th of December to discuss ways the section could support diversity and inclusion. Christopher, Damilola, Clay, and Kaarina would be available to attend this meeting.
- 8.) Liability Insurance for local section's Directors and Officers – no action.
- 9.) Outreach and engagement update – Kaarina reported that the ASCU (?) Ethiopian Social Services had asked for an online chemistry-related event. However, this organization changed its coordinators, so Kaarina is waiting to hear back from the new coordinators. Kaarina has ordered chemistry kits for outreach – the slime and balloon chemistry kits. However, she may need to wait for next year to have a platform to use them. Joan mentioned that Angie Miller has done virtual demos. She could be a contact for an online event. The Columbus Metro Library has agreed to give out the Chemists Celebrate Earth Day books that could not be given out due to lockdown in April so this may have to wait until next year. COSI is shutting back down, due to the upswing in COVID-19 cases in Central Ohio.
- 10.) CERM 2020 has been cancelled outright. Edith would like to hold a small event in its place. Normally the chair(s) of the past CERM join the regional board to act as contacts for the upcoming CERM, which would be CERM2022. Jeff and Jim will coordinate with the regional board on this.
- 11.) Meeting dates for 2020 -- Christopher would like to hold an executive committee meeting in December sometime between the 15th and the 17th. The 16th and 17th appear to work for the committee. Christopher will record the meeting for absent members.
- 12.) The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.